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Jets collide taxiing at YVR

RUNWAY No one was injured yesterday when an Air Canada Airbus jet clipped an Air Canada Jazz regional carrier on the runway at Vancouver International Airport.

A passenger on the Hong Kong-bound Airbus, which was carrying about 400 people, told CBC News that the plane was taxiing for takeoff when he heard a loud crunching sound.

He said passengers looked out the window and saw that the plane had collided with the back of another plane on the runway.

A spokesperson for Air Canada said an investigation into the accident is underway.

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Canadian airlines lower prices

FUEL COSTS Canada's two largest airlines are dropping prices in response to lower fuel prices.

Air Canada yesterday became the first major North American carrier to drop its extra fee for a second piece of checked baggage. It's also incorporating all fuel costs into its advertised fares on North American flights, rather than tacking them on separately as surcharges.

Rival WestJet Airlines quickly followed suit by removing their own fuel surcharges. METRO VANCOUVER

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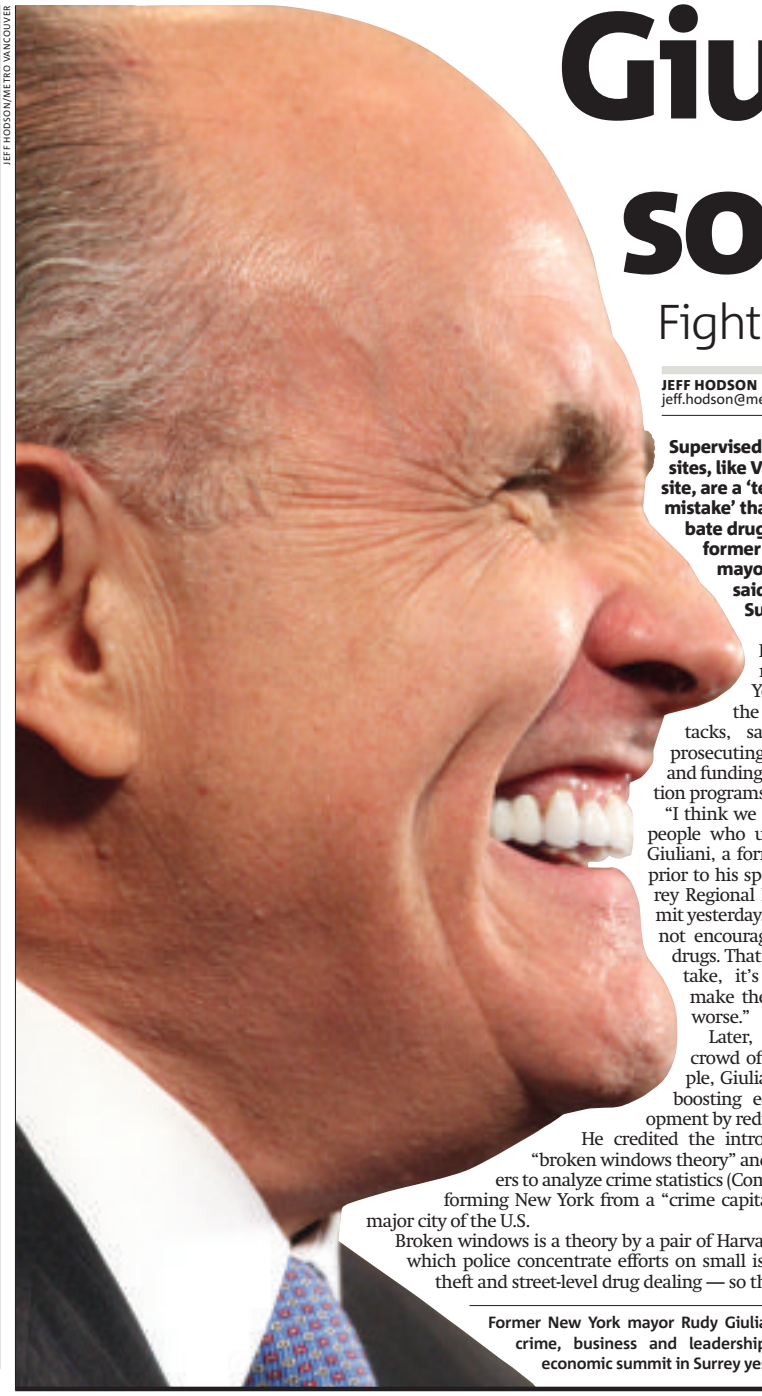

Giuliani's solutions

Fight crime, boost economy

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Supervised drug injection sites, like Vancouver's Insite, are a 'terrible mistake' that will exacerbate drug problems, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani said yesterday in Surrey.

Giuliani, the Republican mayor of New York City during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, said he favours prosecuting drug dealers and funding drug rehabilitation programs.

"I think we can rehabilitate people who use drugs," said Giuliani, a former prosecutor, prior to his speech at the Surrey Regional Economic Summit yesterday. "But we should not encourage them to use drugs. That's a terrible mistake, it's just going to make the drug problem worse."

Later, speaking to a crowd of about 500 people, Giuliani spoke about boosting economic development by reducing crime.

He credited the introduction of the "broken windows theory" and using computers to analyze crime statistics (Compstat) for transforming New York from a "crime capital" to the safest major city of the U.S.

Broken windows is a theory by a pair of Harvard professors in which police concentrate efforts on small issues — graffiti, theft and street-level drug dealing — so that bigger issues don't develop.

New York has had a 60 per cent drop in crime since 1994 when Giuliani took office and homicides have dropped 65 per cent, he said.

Giuliani, the first Republican elected mayor of New York in 25 years, undertook a number of controversial reforms, including reducing city bureaucracy, fighting deficits with tax cuts and using police and social workers to get homeless people off the streets.

He also changed the way welfare was delivered in the city by giving incentives to welfare agents who helped people find and keep employment.

"We were rewarding people for the deterioration of society," he said. "Let's reward welfare workers for finding jobs for people."

He required able-bodied New Yorkers to work part-time (18 hours a week) to receive welfare cheques. If people were unable to find jobs they were employed by the city. Over an eight-year period, 800,000 fewer people collected welfare.

He then suggested that when employed "crime is not something (people) even consider."

Giuliani is also credited with cleaning up Times Square, using zoning to displace pornography shops by making it illegal to have two stores within 500 feet of a school, a church or each other.

Former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani speaks about crime, business and leadership at a regional economic summit in Surrey yesterday.

Leadership changes

- Giuliani said leadership is like a personal relationship and differs depending on the situation. Before the 9/11 attacks, Guiliani was tough on drugs, crime and homelessness.
- Afterwards, Giuliani said he needed to become more sympathetic and figure out "how do I embrace people."

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Ferries silenced
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Otters will thank you

Hundreds of people will be cleaning the shores of Metro Vancouver today for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Volunteers will be removing litter, like cigarette butts, that's harmful to aquatic wildlife. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Director and producer Raj Paul Dhillon, centre, on set of the Vancouver-filmed movie Sweet Amerika.

Film targets racial profiling

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The shocking story of an American Sikh man murdered by xenophobic patriots after the World Trade Centre attacks is hitting close to home tonight, at the home-grown film's Vancouver premiere.

Raj Paul Dillon, the Surrey-based journalist and filmmaker who produced and directed Sweet Amerika, said while it's inspired by true events, the plot itself follows a fictional man who is tortured because he is Sikh.

He added that although the film is set in post-9/11 United States, the story of intolerance and immigrant life is applicable here.

"Canadians can get the same message as Americans (and) immigrants and mainstream Westerners, that racial profiling happens," he said.

"Canadians can get the same message as Americans."
Raj Paul Dillon, filmmaker

"But how do we have a dialogue and a debate and … get over the ignorance that create this violence and hate?"

He said that for the South Asian audience, the film provides acknowledgment that these things do happen and shows how they can unite and combat systemic discrimination.

Home is your sanctuary

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You might have to sacrifice square footage to afford a home in Vancouver, but that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style and comfort — you just have to know how to decorate with practicality.

This is the advice of home decorating mavens Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan, columnists for Metro's Interior Divine and hosts of HGTV's Colin and Justin's Home Heist TV show.

The duo is in Victoria this weekend providing decorating solutions at the Canadian Homebuilders Association's fall home show.

"People become obsessed with storage solutions when really we should be thinking about lifestyle solutions, how they use their space, what they use it for," said Ryan.

"When space is tight, then obviously the amount of things that are contained in (it) are very important," added McCallister. "Everything should be important … and you should try to get double duty as much as possible."

He suggested putting storage behind your headboard or sliding storage boxes under your bed and using a dining table that folds away.

"The biggest return you should get from your home, whether you rent or buy, is on a daily basis," Ryan said. "It's about relaxation at the end of a busy day."

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Decorating mavericks Justin Ryan, left, and Colin McAllister discuss Season 2 of Home Heist on HGTV at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver yesterday.

Launch

- Colin and Justin's Home Heist Style Guide hits bookstores on Oct. 2. Advance sale proceeds go to charity.

Commuters bear sprayed

Several bystanders were hit with bear spray after it was discharged during a fight involving several young persons, transit police said yesterday.

The fight broke out at a bus stop on 135th Street near the Surrey Central SkyTrain station last Saturday.

When transit police arrived, the youth involved in the fight attempted to flee, but various commuters helped police identify the suspects.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested with a large canister of bear spray.

Cst. Tom Seaman said that while bear spray is legal and has a legitimate purpose, police are finding it in the hands of people who use it as a weapon.

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News in brief

SCHOOL A West Vancouver man says he's outraged the school district is giving international high school students priority placement over local kids.

TRANSPORTATION Air Canada flight attendants facing layoffs in Vancouver say they suspect the airline is possibly planning a major downsizing of flights.

HEALTH A new hospital in Surrey that was to open in 2009 won't be finished until 2011.

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What's online today.

Watch the latest Tory campaign gaffe in the form of a careless remark about aboriginal drinking at www.metronews.ca/canada, and watch the PM refuse to cut loose embattled agriculture minister Gerry Ritz

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May brings Green ideas to Vancouver

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May arrives in Vancouver today to announce the party's B.C. Priorities Package. She'll start her day with anti-poverty activists at United We Can in the Downtown Eastside. METRO VANCOUVER

Bhangra elite take the stage

KRISTEN THOMPSON
for Metro Vancouver

A colourful and vibrant Idol spin-off is hitting Vancouver tomorrow.

Ten teams of singers and dancers, wearing bright traditional Punjabi clothes, are taking to the stage at the Orpheum Theatre for the third annual Bhangra Idols contest, which offers a $5,000 grand prize.

"Bhangra is an Indian dance form, like hip-hop or ballet," said Raj Sangha, the event's organizer. "It's a mix of so many different things, and it's very (expressive) and high-energy."

Jane Narayan, 23, is part of team Jawani, which is competing for the third time in the contest

"I got into Bhangra to promote (my) culture," she said. "(Bhangra Idols) gave us a chance to get into the international competition scene. Since then, we've grown pretty big."

She said dancing onstage is a surreal experience, especially because the crowd gets involved and energizes the dancers.

Narayan said her team is practising five times a week for three-hour sessions to perfect their routine.

Grammy Award-winning hip-hop and R&B group 112, and British Bhangra star Jassi Sidhu, will also perform at the event.

For more information, visit bhangraidols.com.

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Upcoming contestants for Bhangra Idols at a press conference at BCIT yesterday.

How it's judged

- The contest's participants will be judged on 13 criteria, including attire, creativity, choreography, and the authenticity of the performance.

Child struck by car breaks wrist

ACCIDENT A five-year-old girl has walked away with only a fractured wrist after being hit by a car in Langley, police said yesterday.

Witnesses told police that she had run into the street near Belmont Elementary School on Wednesday, and was hit by a slow-moving car.

"The young girl fell to the ground, got up immediately and ran back to her mother on the sidewalk," said RCMP Const. Holly Marks.

"According to witness information, the collision was unavoidable for the driver and no charges will be laid," Marks said.

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Vision Vancouver pares down slate

VOTING This weekend, members of Vision Vancouver will pare 37 hopefuls down to 16 candidates who will represent the party in the Nov. 15 civic election.

"We've got an embarrassment of riches competing for spots. It's a healthy sign," said Vision mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson, who has endorsed Vision's four sitting councillors for the slate.

Voting takes place tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Sir Charles Tupper High School in East Vancouver. METRO VANCOUVER

Quinn's heart still going strong

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Pat Quinn's heart is still in hockey, and still aches for a chance to win the Stanley Cup.

The Big Irishman, now 65, says he has no plans to retire and still hopes to coach again in the NHL.

"If the right spot came up for me I'd be interested in doing it again," said Quinn, who was promoting heart health in Vancouver yesterday.

"I still have a passion for it. I feel young. I'm healthy … I've got just about everything else you could ever wish to have — trophies, rings, personal awards. The only one I don't have is a Stanley Cup."

Quinn, who lives in West Vancouver, came closest to a cup in 1994 when the Canucks lost to the Rangers in seven games. He still feels the better team lost.

In 2002, coaching the Toronto Maple Leafs in the playoffs, Quinn famously suffered heart arrhythmia. He had an operation to correct the "simple flutter" and began taking better care of himself: He quit smoking cigars, began eating better and exercised.

Last season, Quinn coached Canada's U-18 squad (a team captained by Canucks' first round draft pick Cody Hodgson) to a gold medal in Kazan, Russia. Two weeks ago, he was tapped to coach Canada's team in the World Junior Hockey tournament.

JEFF HODSON / METRO VANCOUVER

Former Canucks' boss Pat Quinn outside GM Place yesterday.

Matters of the heart

- Makingtheconnection.com aims to educate people about cardiovascular heath and helps them prepare a plan to minimize the risk of heart disease.

News in brief

INSURANCE A Chilliwack man stuck in a California hospital because he was told he's not eligible for MSP is coming home. The Health Ministry and regional health authorities are trying to find David Chapman a bed in the Lower Mainland.

THEATRE A preservation group is asking for four months to come up with a plan, and some money, to save the 100-year-old York Theatre on Commercial Drive. A developer plans to knock it down and build eco-friendly townhouses.

WARRANT Police in Abbotsford are warning the public about a high-risk violent offender wanted on a Canada-wide warrant. Shane Arthur Wilson, 30, didn't show up for a court appearance and is considered violent. METRO VANCOUVER

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Man likely dead before crashing truck

Police say that a man who died in a multi-vehicle accident in Toronto Wednesday night may have already been dead before his truck swerved into opposing traffic, knocking down a hydro pole. "Witnesses saw the driver slumped over the wheel just prior to the collision," said Const. Mig Roberts of Toronto police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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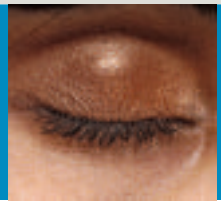

Blinking may betray values

A study in the journal Science says people with right-wing views blink and flinch far harder than liberals when confronted with startling stimuli. "The idea is that those who are biologically sensitive to threat ... are more likely to be supportive of public policies that deal with threats," one researcher said. None of the researchers had any comment on the current federal election in Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

TASER A Brampton, Ont., man who died about 12 hours after being Tasered by police was mourning the death of his sister, friends say. Sean Reilly's sister died about two weeks ago of sleep apnea. The man was Tasered during a struggle with four cops on Tuesday.

SUPERPOWERS Forty-five per cent of more than 1,000 Canadians questioned in an online poll picked healing as their top superpower, compared to 25 per cent who wanted to time travel, 15 per cent who selected telepathy, 10 per cent who would prefer to fly and five per cent who wanted to steal the powers of other people.

ONTARIO MPP Bill Murdoch was kicked out of the provincial Progressive Conservative caucus yesterday for saying that party leader John Tory should find a new job.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sex workers hold protest

Call for improved rights in Ottawa

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

Despite his work's unsafe reputation, Ottawa sex worker Nico Little has never felt endangered by his clients.

Ironically, it's the Canadian laws surrounding prostitution that make Little feel leery.

"We demand safer working conditions, we demand labour rights, we demand human rights and we demand to be recognized as members of the community in which we live and work," said Little, a member of Prostitutes of Ottawa/Gatineau Work Educate and Resist (POWER).

Dozens of people, including sex workers and their allies, rallied on Parliament Hill to improve the rights of the country's sex workers last night. Led by POWER, the group is calling on the government to decriminalize sections 210 to 213 of the Criminal Code.

"We demand to be recognized as members of the community in which we live and work."
Nico Little

A support worker with the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, Lee Allard came out to show her support yesterday.

"I have friends and colleagues that are sex workers," she said. "The more people support this, the more this will be heard."

TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

Pom Pom Attack Squad members Pat Hoban, Anne Simmons and Victoria Benjamin, left to right, rally to support sex trade workers at a Parliament Hill yesterday.

Montreal mobster pleads guilty

MAFIA The presumed patriarch of Montreal's Mafia and five associates pleaded guilty to gangsterism-related charges yesterday, CBC News Online reports.

Nick Rizzuto, 84, entered a plea, along with five of his associates connected to Montreal's Mafia criminal underworld: Paolo Renda, Francesco Arcadi, Lorenzo Giordano, Francesco Del Balso and Rocco Sollecito.

Together, they faced more than 60 charges, including conspiracy to import and export narcotics, drug trafficking, gangsterism and extortion.

But after reaching a plea bargain with the Crown, Rizzuto pleaded guilty to possession of proceeds of a crime, and possession of the proceeds of crime for the benefit of, the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization.

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Election 2008

Controversy

Harper stands behind minister

COMMENTS Prime Minister Stephen Harper rejected opposition and victims' calls for the resignation of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, who joked the listeriosis crisis was "death by a thousand ... cold cuts."

"It obviously was an inappropriate joke by a minister who was under a lot of stress," Harper said.

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Taking it to the streets

Dion promises $70B over 10 years for infrastructure

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion unveiled plans to spend $70 billion over 10 years on Canada's aging infrastructure in a commitment hailed as "groundbreaking" by the country's municipalities.

"Our cities and communities are facing an infrastructure deficit that is affecting Canadians' quality of life (and) economic prospects, as well as threatening our environment, our water, our sewage system, our energy grid, our roads and bridges," Dion said.

Dion said the $70-billion investment will go toward building and upgrading strategic infrastructure, creating an $8-billion national transit strategy, developing a small communities fund, improving border crossings and sports and recreational facilities — all while helping to create jobs.

The Liberals would finance the plan by diverting any portion of annual budget surpluses above $3 billion to infrastructure and creating a special infrastructure bank to make available low-interest loans for infrastructure projects, Dion said.

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News in brief

SENIORS Parties pitched contrasting visions for the future of an aging population yesterday. The Conservatives promised tax breaks to ease the burden for the 4.5 million Canadians age 65 and over, while the New Democrats pledged to create a national plan to help more seniors and convalescing adults stay at home. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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From Metro newsrooms across the country...

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Halifax

It's been a bit of a dull election so far — but Halifax was hopping this week with leaders stopping by our seaside town with big promises in their pockets. NDP Leader Jack Layton promised $1 billion to train more doctors and nurses. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion promised $900 million for catastrophic drug coverage — and a few more shekels for health care, too. But the most fun was when Green party honcho Elizabeth May, launching her party platform in Halifax, apologized for not smoking pot. If the election turns out to be a catastrophe for the Greens, the Liberals or the NDP, perhaps they can all light up a doobie together?

Montreal

The battle will be epic in Quebec. The Bloc Québécois are slightly ahead in polls with 33 per cent support, but the Conservatives at 31 per cent could win a lot more than the 10 MPs — out of 75 — they currently have. A University of Quebec expert thinks the Conservatives could have 12 extra seats in Quebec. Liberals are out in many regions. But once again, a Conservative government may be lacking an MP from Montreal.

Ottawa

Stephen Harper's continuing bid for an image makeover with female voters made a pit stop, appropriately enough, at an Ottawa spa this week. There, the prime minister chatted with clients and made a female-friendly pledge to give self-employed Canadians the opportunity to access maternity and parental benefits if the Conservatives are re-elected. Also in Ottawa this week, former Liberal defence minister David Pratt, who is running against incumbent Environment Minister John Baird in Ottawa West-Nepean, criticized federal Housing Minister Monte Solberg for meddling in an election in which he is not even a candidate and took aim at the Conservative government's record of spending on affordable housing.

Toronto

Will you be his neighbour? More importantly, will you slip a vote into a pocket of that cosy-looking sweater vest? Who knew Stephen Harper's eye for fashion would prompt responses from columnists Lawrence Martin (National Report — Tuesdays) and Mike Tennant (Ad Ventures — Mondays)? Martin referred to Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood when critiquing the prime minister's makeover while Tennant wrote about Harper's down-home political ad. Going forward, Harper finally uttered the words "majority" while in Toronto. How will Harper's Sussex Drive neighbours feel about watching the prime minister cut his lawn for another four years?

Calgary

Calgary's X92.9 FM is hoping to make a difference in Calgary's vast voter turnout wasteland. With a voter drive under the moniker Just Vote Dammit, the radio station is appealing to its listeners, a younger crowd of dial-turners, to get out and exercise their democratic rights. "We're trying to not be part of the problem," said program director Christian Hall. "Voter turnout last time around was, for a lack of a better term, brutal and we want to help reverse that trend." Industry Minister Jim Prentice spent Tuesday knocking on doors of his Calgary Centre-North constituency, ensuring prospective voters that the nation's manufacturing sector remains strong, despite massive job cuts in the East.

Edmonton

As Albertans sat in the stands watching the federal election from the nosebleed seats, there was a hint of good news from the sidelines. A visit from a party leader is looming! Elizabeth May has a planned stop in Edmonton on her way across Canada by train. Lucky for Albertans, it's pretty tough to dodge the oil province on an overland trek west. The neglected province can get a chance to participate in the election game, rather than being content with being the political football.

Vancouver

In B.C., the week began with a lot of hot air and a smoking end is expected. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion was in Victoria last weekend to promote his federal carbon tax. He received an icy reception from some of the locals who feel the provincial carbon tax is already a burden. The B.C. Liberals on Tuesday then shifted priorities and focused on the need for a guns and gangs taskforce, which was well-received. Also well-received will be Green party Leader Elizabeth May, who is in Vancouver today. The Greens have announced that they would legalize marijuana if elected, a move likely to earn some votes in B.C.

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Storm over politician's brothel story

A Spanish politician's revelation that he lost his virginity in a brothel has angered his female counterparts, who accused him of encouraging prostitution. Miguel Angel Revilla told a TV interviewer this week that he had paid the first time he had sex at the age of 18. REUTERS

World/Business

30 arrested after embassy attack

BOMBING Yemeni authorities have arrested 30 people suspected of belonging to al Qaeda following an attack on the U.S. embassy in Sanaa, a security source said yesterday.

Two suicide car bombs set off a series of explosions outside the embassy on Wednesday, killing 17 people including six attackers.

How do you spell dangerous driver?

STUDY Sending text messages while driving is more dangerous than drinking and driving, a study by Britain's Transport Research Laboratory has found.

The reaction times of people texting as they drove fell by 35 per cent, while those who consumed the legal limit of alcohol fell by 21 per cent, the study says. REUTERS

Livni begins talks to form new coalition

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni began talks on forming a new coalition government yesterday after edging home in a party leadership contest that set her on course to replace Ehud Olmert as prime minister.

Among those she spoke with by telephone was U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who hopes Livni and Olmert can still clinch some form of peace deal with the Palestinians before the Bush administration quits the White House in just four months.

Palestinian negotiators welcomed her election in Wednesday's poll, though they hold out little hope of a major breakthrough.

Livni, a lawyer and former Mossad agent, faces other battles — to stave off an early parliamentary election that she would probably lose and to build a multi-party cabinet on the remains of the fractious administration Olmert will leave behind when he finally steps down under the weight of a corruption inquiry.

Livni

Olmert is determined to go on handling talks with the Palestinians as caretaker premier until Livni forms a new team. The woman who would be Israel's first female leader since the redoubtable Golda Meir in the 1970s said after her narrow win in the Kadima party ballot that her priority was "stability."

Livni won by just 431 votes, or 1.1 points, with 43.1 per cent of the vote over former general Shaul Mofaz on Wednesday.

"The national mission ... is to create stability quickly," Livni said outside her Tel Aviv home yesterday. "On the level of government in Israel, we have to deal with difficult threats." REUTERS

Bolivia **Screaming mad**

GASTON BRITO/REUTERS

Supporters of Bolivian President Evo Morales shout slogans against Pando's governor Leopoldo Fernadez yesterday outside court in La Paz. Eastern Bolivia erupted in violent anti-Morales protests last week and the president declared martial law in Pando and arrested Fernandez.

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Business

Top bankers meet in effort to mend U.S. credit crisis

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney huddled yesterday afternoon with a group of top Canadian bank executives in a closed-door, 90-minute meeting in Toronto as part of a feverish effort to mend money markets fractured by the crumbling U.S. financial sector.

Earlier, the world's biggest central banks had joined forces to pump $180 billion US into the global financial system in a bid to resuscitate bank-to-bank lending, which had once again seized up following this week's historic shakeup on Wall Street.

Concerned about the lending rate, which had surged overnight to a seven-year high, the U.S. Federal Reserve made the funds available to major central banks to lend to their local commercial banks in a bid to get U.S. dollars circulating again in short-term money markets.

Carney provided executives with the "context around" his decision earlier in the day to team up with the Federal Reserve. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

HOUSING Canadian home builders' profits will slide in 2008 and 2009 on weaker demand, but the market will not suffer a meltdown like in the U.S., a think-tank said.

TAKEOVER Teck Cominco said yesterday it won't revise its $13.5 billion US offer lower for Fording Canadian Coal Trust despite a possibility Teck could have trouble securing the $9.8 billion US financing it needs amid the U.S. financial crisis.

TELECOM Nokia will release the "Comes With Music" bundle, its first phone with free music download access, on Oct. 17 in Britain. REUTERS

Watchdog probes short-selling

TRADING Concerned about market destabilization, New York's attorney general yesterday began a probe into possible illegal short-selling of stocks in Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley.

Andrew Cuomo said he was also concerned about illegal short-selling in stocks of now-bankrupt Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and American International Group Inc., which was rescued by the U.S. Federal Reserve. REUTERS

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Vikings' Peterson might miss Sunday's game

Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson did not participate in practice yesterday due to a hamstring injury. Peterson, who leads the league in rushing with 263 yards in the first two games of the season, took limited snaps on Wednesday and his availability for Sunday's game is unknown. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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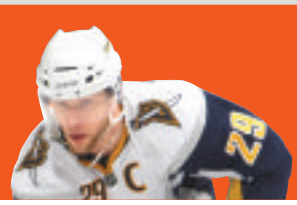

Pominville lands extension

The Buffalo Sabres announced yesterday they have given right winger Jason Pominville, left, a five-year, $26.5 million contract extension. Pominville, 25, was scheduled to become a restricted free agent at the end of the upcoming season. He has compiled 79 goals and 178 points with a plus-37 rating in 222 career games with the Sabres. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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CFL legend Lancaster dies at 69

Former quarterback, head coach was 'deeply loved across Canada'

Former Ottawa Rough Riders quarterback Ron Lancaster has died at the age of 69.

Lancaster, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1982, had been battling lung cancer.

"Our league has lost its 'little general.' And our country has lost a giant of a man," said CFL commissioner Mark Cohon in a statement.

"Ron Lancaster is deeply loved across Canada, as a CFL player, coach, broadcaster and mentor, but most of all as a true friend. His career spanned eras, bridged west and east, and delighted our fans. But his life transcended sport, because the young man who came here from Pennsylvania grew into a true Canadian hero — a role model who often towered above the rest, and yet remained resolutely down to earth, at the same time."

Lancaster spent most of his 19-year playing career with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, quarterbacking the club to its first-ever Grey Cup title in 1966. He spent 16 seasons with the Riders, joining the club in 1963 after a trade from Ottawa.

In addition to the Grey Cup championship, he won the league's Most Outstanding Player award with Saskatchewan in 1970 and '76, and spent two years as the club's head coach.

"Ronnie was one of the greatest football players and even more important, one of the greatest human beings I have had the privilege to know," commented Riders president Jim Hopson.

Lancaster returned to coaching with the Edmonton Eskimos in 1991. He guided Edmonton to a Grey Cup crown in 1993, then took over as head coach of Hamilton in 1997 and led the Tiger-Cats to a Grey Cup title in 1999.

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York's tribute

- For Metro columnist Marty York's tribute to Ron Lancaster go to www.metronews.ca

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Ron Lancaster, who started his CFL career in Ottawa, died yesterday just over one month after announcing he was being treated for lung cancer.

B.C. Sports in brief

NHL The Vancouver Canucks open training camp today with testing for all returning players at GM Place. The 45 players invited to camp will then travel to Whistler in advance of this weekend's practices. The Canucks open a seven game preseason schedule in Edmonton on Monday.

HOCKEY The Vancouver Giants open their eighth WHL season tomorrow night in Everett. The Giants home opener is next Friday night against the Prince George Cougars.

CFL Despite lingering numbness in his right hand, Lions' slotback Jason Clermont will travel to Regina for tomorrow's game against the Roughriders. Clermont has not regained full feeling in his hand following a hit against Saskatchewan last weekend, but is hoping he feels well enough to play in Saturday's rematch.

SCOTT RINTOUL/METRO VANCOUVER

Flyers' Hatcher out with knee injury, may retire

Flyers defenceman Derian Hatcher will be placed on the injured reserve for the start of the 2008-09 NHL season due to a to a possible career-threatening right knee injury. The Flyers announced that the 36-year- old will take some time to contemplate retirement. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sarah takes over as QB

Thanks to SNL's Meyers, Cassel gets a unique nickname

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His name is Matt Cassel, a relatively anonymous replacement for the injured Tom Brady as the New England Patriots' quarterback.

His nickname, though, is Sarah.

It's a new nickname, inherited after comedian Seth Meyers told millions of Saturday Night Live viewers in his most recent mock newscast that Cassel has emerged as "an untested, inexperienced backup," much like U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Sarah is 1-0 as an NFL starter and could easily improve to 2-0 when CFL discard Ricky Williams and the equally dreadful Miami Dolphins visit New England this Sunday.

• More on Cassel: His wife is Lauren Killian, a renowned U.S. volleyball player. The best man at their wedding was Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer. And Cassel's mother is Barbara Brennan-Cassel, a set decorator who won an Emmy Award last year for her role in the TV special "Tony Bennett: An American Classic."

• There's talk at Cal State Fullerton that football will be reintroduced at the U.S. college by next year.

Until last week, Cal State Fullerton products were career leaders in the CFL in passing (Damon Allen), rushing (Mike Pringle) and receiving (Allen Pitts). Winnipeg's Milt Stegall surpassed Pitts in receiving during the Blue Bombers' rout in Toronto last week. Cal State Fullerton dropped football in 1992.

Stegall, incidentally, received an interesting call from renowned ESPN anchor Chris Berman last weekend. Find out why in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca, where I also pay tribute to the late, great, legendary Ron Lancaster.

• Speaking of NFL broadcasters, isn't Tony Kornheiser wonderful on Monday nights? He's living proof that, if you don't want dull-as-dishwater sports presentations on the air, then you must refrain from hiring crews of exclusively ex-players who have trouble with the language and are clueless when it comes to providing interesting or entertaining information.

Some can simply ruin your broadcasts with their bafflegab, as illustrated consistently this season by Sportsnet's Rance Mulliniks and TSN's Chris Schultz. Sadly, they seldom make sense on the airwaves.

• And remember that crackpot minor-league manager who became famous earlier this season for an on-field meltdown in which he demanded that the umpire he was screaming at smell his shoes and underarm?

You've seen the video.

Well, Phillip Wellman was promoted this week by Atlanta in what amounts to the coaching version of a September callup. He's been ordered by Braves manager Bobby Cox to keep a low profile.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Carpenter might be done

• Ex-Blue Jays pitcher Chris Carpenter may have pitched his final game, sources have told Metro sports columnist Marty York. The Cardinals fear a nerve condition is causing Carpenter irreparable muscle deterioration in his right (throwing) arm.

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MARK BLINCH/REUTERS

Toronto Blue Jays shortstop John McDonald throws the ball to first to get the final out against the Baltimore Orioles during last night's game. The Jays beat the Orioles 3-2.

Zaun leads Blue Jays over rival Orioles

Blue Jays 3 Orioles 2

MLB Gregg Zaun's two-run, pinch-hit double in the sixth frame proved to be the difference last night, as Toronto slipped past Baltimore 3-2 to conclude a three-game set at Rogers Centre.

Zaun made a winner of Jesse Litsch (12-8), who gave the Blue Jays six effective innings with two runs scattered on four hits, with four walks and six strikeouts. B.J. Ryan pitched a shaky ninth, but still picked up his 31st save for Toronto, which has won two straight.

"I felt strong. I felt good out there," said Litsch.

With Adam Lind on third and Lyle Overbay on second, Zaun drilled a pitch over Nick Markakis' head in right for the two-run double off relief pitcher Jim Miller, who took over for Garrett Olson (9-9). The starter Olson yielded three runs on four hits with three walks and in 5⅔ innings.

Alex Cintron drove in both runs for the Orioles, losers in four of six.

"It's a matter of getting that hit at the right time," said Baltimore first baseman Kevin Millar.

Jose Bautista's solo home run in the bottom of the first stood up until Baltimore put a pair of runs on the scoreboard in the fifth. Oscar Salazar and Jay Payton each walked with one out and Brian Roberts walked to load the bases. Cintron came through with a two-run single past the diving second baseman for a 2-1 lead.

The Blue Jays moved back in front during the sixth frame with Zaun's big hit.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Dallas Stars announced yesterday that defenseman Sergei Zubov will be sidelined for four weeks after undergoing an arthroscopic procedure on his hip.

NHL The Philadelphia Flyers yesterday signed veteran netminder Jean-Sebastien Aubin to a one-year contract.

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w-Boston	89	63	.586	1½
N.Y. Yankees	82	71	.536	9
Toronto	82	71	.536	9
Baltimore	67	84	.444	23

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	84	68	.553	—
Minnesota	83	70	.542	1½
Cleveland	75	77	.493	9
Detroit	71	80	.470	12½
Kansas City	69	84	.451	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
x-L.A. Angels	93	59	.612	—
Texas	75	78	.490	18½
Oakland	71	81	.467	22
Seattle	57	95	.375	36

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	86	67	.562	—
w-N.Y. Mets	85	67	.559	½
Florida	80	72	.526	5½
Atlanta	67	86	.438	19
Washington	58	95	.379	28

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	92	59	.609	—
Milwaukee	84	69	.549	9
Houston	80	72	.526	12½
St. Louis	79	73	.520	13½
Cincinnati	70	82	.461	22½
Pittsburgh	64	89	.418	29

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Dodgers	80	73	.523	—
Arizona	76	76	.500	3½
Colorado	70	83	.458	10
San Francisco	68	85	.444	12
San Diego	58	95	.379	22

(w — teams currently holding wild-card spots; x — clinched division title)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 3 Baltimore 2
Kansas City 12 Seattle 0
L.A. Angels 6 Oakland 4
Minnesota 11 Tampa Bay 8
N.Y. Yankees 9 Chicago White Sox 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 3 San Francisco 2
Chicago Cubs 7 Milwaukee 6 (12 ings)
Florida 8 Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers 4 Pittsburgh 3 (12 ings)
N.Y. Mets 7 Washington 2
Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 3
St. Louis 5 Cincinnati 4

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Seattle at Kansas City, 11:10
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 12:35
Chicago W. Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05
Baltimore at Toronto, 4:07
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 4:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 11:20
Houston at Pittsburgh, 4:05
Philadelphia at Florida, 4:10
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 4:10
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 4:35
San Diego at Washington, 4:35
Arizona at Colorado, 5:05
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 7:40

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	7	4	0	14
Toronto	4	7	0	8
Winnipeg	3	8	0	6
Hamilton	2	9	0	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Saskatchewan	8	3	0	16
Edmonton	7	4	0	14
Calgary	7	4	0	14
B.C.	6	5	0	12

WEEK 12

TONIGHT'S GAME

Winnipeg at Hamilton, 5:30

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Toronto at Calgary, 4:30
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 7:30

SUNDAY'S GAME

Edmonton at Montreal, 11

NFL

WEEK 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Tennessee, 10
Oakland at Buffalo, 10
Carolina at Minnesota, 10
Kansas City at Atlanta, 10
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 10
Arizona at Washington, 10
Miami at New England, 10
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 10
St. Louis at Seattle, 1:05
Detroit at San Francisco, 1:05
New Orleans at Denver, 1:05
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:15
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1:15
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 1:15
Dallas at Green Bay, 5:15

MONDAY'S GAME

N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 5:30

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R-rated Kate cuts loose

Hudson takes on new, raunchy role in My Best Friend's Girl

Kate Hudson rose to movie stardom playing sweet all-American girls, but in her newest part in My Best Friend's Girl, she relished doing two things she rarely does on film — curse a lot and portray a sexually aggressive woman.

Since winning wide acclaim and an Oscar nomination as rock 'n' roll groupie Penny Lane in 2000's Almost Famous, Hudson has worked in numerous romantic comedies, including How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days and Fool's Gold.

But unlike the others, My Best Friend's Girl, which debuts in theatres today, features strong language and sexual content, which restricts the U.S. audience mostly to adults.

"I finally got to swear and say and do certain things that most people say to each other in normal, everyday life," Hudson said. "I got a little taste of what those Sex and the City girls were up to for so long, which was fun."

In My Best Friend's Girl, Hudson stars opposite Dane Cook and Jason Biggs, playing a lawyer who is scared away from monogamous affairs by her ex-lover (Biggs) and wants to make the best of being single with perennial bachelor Tank (Cook).

Dane Cook, from left, Jason Biggs and Kate Hudson arrive at the premiere of My Best Friend's Girl on Monday in Los Angeles.

Tank, who has mastered the art of seducing and offending women, meets his equal in Alexis when he is hired by his best friend to steer her back toward him.

Cook, a standup comedian, praised Hudson's comic timing, saying she has the ability to work straight from the dialogue in a script or improvise with equal prowess.

"She has the Terminator exoskeleton version of the funny bone — she is so good, tremendously gifted," Cook told reporters at a recent news conference.

But Hudson, 29, daughter of actress Goldie Hawn, hasn't always been smiling in recent years as her personal life has seen highs-and-lows stemming from a well-publicized divorce with from Black Crowes frontman Chris Robinson and troubled romance with actor Owen Wilson.

Hudson said she deals with negative news and the crush of media tabloids and paparazzi by retreating from the spotlight.

"I just go back to my life at home, my family, my son and my friends ... It makes everything OK and everything feel balanced."

REUTERS

Lakeview Terrace

Director: Neil LaBute
Stars: Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

Tough times on Terrace

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If you think the neighbour playing his Nickelback CD too loud is irritating, wait until you meet Abel Turner in Lakeview Terrace. Now that is a bad neighbour.

In the Neil LaBute thriller, Samuel L. Jackson plays a racist LAPD cop who rules his small cul-de-sac with an iron fist.

When interracial couple Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa (Kerry Washington) move in next door, Turner looks to drive the newlyweds out through dirty tactics.

Although LaBute is known for crafting clever social commentary, here he serves solely as director, and that may be the flick's prime weakness. The script could have used his touch, but at least the material is ripe for his sociological sensibilities.

With themes of race and fear explored in a tone similar to Oscar-winner Crash, Lakeview Terrace is a nail-biter that stays with you long after the fire.

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Ghost Town

Director: David Koepp
Stars: Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear
Classification: PG-13
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Ricky Gervais, left, sees dead people, including Greg Kinnear, in Ghost Town.

REVIEW If you don't know who Ricky Gervais is, Ghost Town is staring straight at you. Why? Well, because this all-too-familiar romantic comedy is desperately aiming to expose the British comic sensation to a new audience.

Gervais plays an arse of a dentist named Pincus who, after a near-death experience, is able to communicate with ghosts — those who are waiting to earn their wings by completing unfinished business with their loved ones.

Philanderer Greg Kinnear is one of them, and he asks the dentist to help him scare off his ex-wife's new arm candy. Instead, Pincus falls heads over heels for her and learns to change his jerky ways.

Obviously, there's nothing new about this film. It bears many of cinema's previous sentimentalities regarding death and redemption. The plot and characters are familiar.

Gervais, the creator and star of the British version of The Office, provides the only real lift in the movie, He characterizes Pincus in his usual self-consumed manner, and is at his best when he's being jerk.

But there's a problem: Will those people who still don't know who Gervais is go see this movie? That will be the unfinished business Ghost Town will have to wait to see.

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Laugh along with Igor

Igor
Director: Anthony Leondis
Stars: John Cusack, Molly Shannon
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

John Cusack provides the voice of title character Igor.

REVIEW This film is a tribute to all those little forgotten people in every monster movie — all those "Igors." You know, like when the mad scientist says: "Igor, pull the switch!"

We are in the land of Malaria. Every year, all the mad scientists gather to present their latest evil creation designed to wreak havoc on the world.

Our hero (Igor, of course) has always wanted to be a mad scientist, but he laments: "Since I was born with this hunch on my back, I was sent to Igor school to be trained as an assistant."

The animated Igor (à la Shrek) is a very funny movie. It may appear to be a cartoon for the kids, but the dialogue is quite sophisticated and a delight for adults as well; especially adults who have grown up watching all those horror films from James Whale's original Frankenstein to Mel Brooks's Young Frankenstein — and everything in between.

John Cusack is the voice behind Igor while Molly Shannon plays his monster creation Evil – who doesn't quite get the concept and prefers to be a gentle giant named Eva instead.

Things only get worse for Igor when an accidental brainwashing, courtesy of watching James Lipton's Inside the Actors Studio, turns Eva into an actress.

Steve Buscemi, Eddie Izzard, John Cleese, Jennifer Coolidge and even Jay Leno add their voices to the fun.

The kids will enjoy the animated antics but adults will find themselves guffawing at the double-edged dialogue and scathing social commentary.

Igor is a very funny movie, indeed.

Charming satire lacking real bite

I Served the King of England
Director: Jiri Menzel
Stars: Ivan Barney, Oldrich Kaiser, Julia Jentsch
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW I Served the King of England is a lighthearted satire that attacks some pretty serious targets like capitalism, communism, and Nazis in an oddly jovial manner.

This should come to no surprise to fans of Czech New Wave director Jiri Menzel, who has applied a similar tone throughout his career. The movie is admirable for Menzel's attempt to mine such touchy material for laughs, but ultimately it feels slight.

The film follows the life of Jan Dite, who dreams of becoming a millionaire. He starts by working as a waiter in high-end restaurants and hotels that bring him close to his desired class, endures a marriage to a Nazi that brings him wealth, and ends up imprisoned once communism engulfs his country.

Menzel follows Dite throughout the 20th century and he uses the character as a satirical representation of his country at any given time. It is a clever conceit, but one that will be far more resonant with audiences who have a basic knowledge of Czech history.

Jiri Menzel directs with such a light touch and comedic charge that it is hard not to be seduced by his film. but unfortunately the satire lacks teeth. This isn't enough of a problem to make movie unwatchable, by any means, but I couldn't help but leave the theater wanting more.

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Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:40-4:20-7:25-10:05 No Passes Thu 1:40-4:20-10:05

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The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-8 Mon-Thu 8

The House Bunny (PG) Digital Presentation Fri 6:55-9:10 Digital Presentation Sat-Sun 1:50-4:10-6:55-9:10 Digital Presentation Mon-Tue 6:55-9:10

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Vicky Cristina Barcelona Fri 7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:30-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:25

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:20

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My Best Friend's Girl (18A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:40 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10

The Women (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:45 Sat 1:35-4:20-7-9:45 Sun 1:35-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7

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Death Race (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:30 Mon 1:40-4:50-7:55 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:30

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Mera Pind (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-5-9

The Metropolitan Opera: Opening Night Gala (STC) Mon 6:30

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-6:45

My Best Friend's Girl (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-10

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 4:10-9:40

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:55

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:35

Sweet Amerika (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:05-10:10

Traitor (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-7:35-10:15

Tropic Thunder (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:50

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West Coast Weekend

events

SAT. 5:30 P.M.-SUN. 1 P.M. Hip Hop Versus War And Occupation, get active, drop some beats, not bombs. At the Sunrise Pavilion in Surrey, 10341 135 St. on Saturday and in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery on Sunday. Tix: free. Info: info@mawovancouver.org or 604-322-1764.
FRI.-SAT. 10 A.M.-6 P.M Metropolis at Metrotown is hosting a job fair. Bring your resume to the mall at 4700 Kingsway in Burnaby.
SAT. 7 P.M. Octoberfest 2008 kickoff, with traditional music, German food and beverages. At the Vancouver Alpen Club, 4875 Victoria Dr. Tix: $30. Info: vancouveralpenclub.ca.
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FRI. 7 P.M. Federico Aubele, and guests perform live. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $16. Info: richardsonrichards.com.
FRI. 10 P.M. Original Hed Kandi DJ, StoneBridge, spins some sexy house music. At the Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. in Gastown. Tix: $20. Info: canvaslounge.ca.
FRI. 10 P.M. The Bebe Masquerade Ball, featuring great music and hot fashion. At Crush Champagne Lounge, 1180 Granville St. Info: crushlounge.ca.
SAT. 8 P.M. Elliott Brood live in concert. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $12. Info: richardsonrichards.com.
SAT. 9 P.M. 1 Luv & Unity, playing sexy house, Top 40 and more. At The Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. Tix: $20. Info: canvaslounge.ca.
SAT. 9 P.M. Rockstar Saturdays, with DJs mashing up sexy house, Top 40, R&B and hip hop. At AuBar, 674 Seymour St. Info: aubarnightclub.com.

Get ready to grind Sunday

WestCoast**Outdoors**

The Grouse Grind has become one of the coolest and most unique workouts our awesome city has to offer. Everyday, hikers and ultra-fit runners tackle this 2.9-km trail that snakes its way up 853 vertical metres to Grouse Mountain through our giant rainforest.

This Sunday hundreds of athletes will toe to the starting line to see who is the fastest Grinder at the BMO Grouse Grind Mountain Run. Here are a few tips to make your adventure even better.

Rest up.
If you have been training for this event all summer then now is the time to take it easy.

Stay hydrated.
Your performance on this tough climb can be hammered as much as 10 per cent if you're not hydrated.

Warm up.
This race has no easy sections so a proper warm-up is essential. Try jogging, walking or riding your bike on flat easy terrain for 10-15 minutes to allow you body to get ready.

Seed yourself and be realistic.
If you're going for the win you need to be out front but the best way to improve on your time is to start out moderate and get faster as you make your way up. Going out too hard is a sure way to blow up and be crawling to the finish.

Have fun.
After all that's what sports are all about. grousemountain.com.

Gear Guide

Nathan Elite 1 Carrier

The Nathan Elite 1 bottle carrier allows you quick and easy access to water while hiking, running or Grouse Grinding. It has a limited stretch waist belt and a zippered pocket for your keys or extra food.
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Music

It takes a village

Stereophonics find inspiration in small-town Welsh life

OnTheBeat

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Stereophonics play a sold-out show at the Commodore on Saturday.

Conceived just 20 miles from Dylan Thomas' hometown, Stereophonics hope to share more than an accent with the Welsh poet.

Singer-guitarist Kelly Jones is inspired by the same small-town life that Dylan captured so well in poems like Under Milkwood and A Child's Christmas in Wales.

"The village I'm from has these tragic and funny characters, with everyone going around gossiping about everyone else," he said. "Dylan Thomas is from Swansea, which is 20 miles from where I grew up, and he had a very similar kind of lifestyle. The people are very warm, but also very sarcastic."

Jones tries to capture characters in tracks like It Means Nothing, a song on Pull the Pin written after the 2005 terrorist attack on London's Tube. In the song Jones tried to focus on how people felt after the event, rather than on its direct political effects.

"I tried to make (the song) less about the date and event that happened on the London Tube, and more about the feeling overriding the city," he said. "(I wanted to show it as a time) when people stopped to think about what's important in life."

Along with the Welsh poet's works, Jones grew with musicians like Neil Young, Bob Dylan and the Tragically Hip. Since then, he's watched the village he grew up in become rundown, while cities like Cardiff get larger and more cosmopolitan.

But while the changes mean less small-town gossip and rumours to draw from, the storytelling tradition is still strong in music, and Jones finds rap as inspirational as Pulp. For example, Daisy Lane is written partly to sound like Eminem — a surprising choice for a band that aspires to write epic, stadium-rock songs.

"I wrote that (song after)…a kid was stabbed for his mobile phone — he was knifed and left for dead (in my neighbourhood)," said Jones. "I thought for the words and melody, I would try to do what Eminem would do, and that started the beat box idea."

When pop gets political

SoundCheck

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John F. Kennedy used the song High Hopes, popularized by singer Frank Sinatra, during his run for the White House.

By my reckoning, this is only the fifth time since Confederation that Canadian and American federal elections have run more-or-less concurrently (1900, 1908, 1988, 2000 and 2008).

Not only are we being bombarded with policies, platforms and promises, some of our favourite songs are being presented in a new context: the campaign theme song.

Back in the olden days, political parties simply wrote new words to standard favourites (Dixie, Yankee Doodle and even, believe it or not, O Tannebaum) to suit their campaigns. Brass bands and drum corps were pressed into service wherever the candidate showed up to make a speech or kiss a few babies. Song sheets were distributed to the crowds who were invited to sing along.

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Today, that's too much work, so candidates adopt verbatim versions of popular tracks. And while most people that this is a fairly recent development, it's not.

The borrowing of pop tunes for political purposes goes back at least as far as 1928 when New York Governor Al Smith used a song from the 1890s called Sidewalks of New York in his battle against Herbert Hoover. FDR, looking to boost the spirits of Depression-battered America in the election of '32, co-opted Happy Days Are Here Again, a 1929 hit by Leo Reisman and his Orchestra. Since then, it's essentially been the unofficial theme song of the Democratic Party.

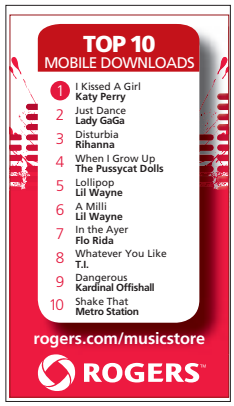
While John F. Kennedy used Sinatra and High Hopes to beat Richard Nixon in 1960, politicians slipped back into the old ways for 1964 when both Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater had songs commissioned especially for them. Same with Nixon in '68, who used Nixon's the One, written by the guy who scored Peter Pan on Broadway and an NBC TV executive.

It wasn't until George McGovern ran against Nixon in '72 that a pop song was again adopted for a political campaign — although why the Democrats chose the downbeat Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon and Garfunkel is beyond me. No wonder Nixon won in a landslide.

In 1976, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter went at it with cheesy commissioned themes that didn't do much to inspire the electorate. It wasn't until an ex-actor from California showed up in 1980 that things began to get really interesting.

Next time: Rockin' presidents and PMs.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com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3 Disturbia Rihanna
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This Day In Music History
Singer and music producer Daniel Lanois was born in Hull, Que. In addition to his own work, he has produced albums by Bob Dylan, U2, Brian Eno, Peter Gabriel, Emmylou Harris, Scott Weiland and Robbie Robertson. REUTERS

Music

Composers mix music, Bushisms

What do George W. Bush and Donald Rumsfeld have in common with empty soft drink bottles and two British music composers?

They are all part of a new classical music tour of Britain, which throws politics and percussion together in works by composers Graham Fitkin and Gabriel Prokofiev. Both composers have abandoned traditional classical instruments for more exotic music-making, using such things as the xylosynth, a cross between the xylophone and a synthesiser, glass bottles and oil drums.

Fitkin's musical piece Chain of Command uses vocal samples taken from speeches made by Bush and Rumsfeld about the Iraq war as well as inquiries into prisoner abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison. REUTERS

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Guest stars on CSI:NY's 100th episode

Scott Wolf, left, will join Rumer Willis and Julia Ormond in CSI: NY's 100th episode on Nov. 19. Wolf and Willis are two of the dozen or so Mac Taylors being targeted by a serial killer. EW.COM

Television

CTV PHOTO

Montreal filmmaker John Curtin's documentary To Hell with Manners airs on CTV on Saturday.

The decline of civility

Filmmaker chronicles when and how society lost its manners

RICK McGINNIS
Metro Canada

While few people would deny that politeness is in decline, quantifying precisely how and in what ways requires a bit of work.

Director John Curtin's documentary To Hell With Manners, airing this Saturday night on CTV, gives our unease about civility's ebb a face by sending a pregnant woman out onto Toronto public transit, with what are sadly predictable results.

"I was a little afraid of that because I'd promised CTV this scene in which we demonstrate that people are rude because they don't offer a seat," Curtin recalls.

"I grew up in Toronto, and it always had a reputation for being sometimes a boring city, but at least very livable — polite, etc. etc. That was the most shocking thing for me — that there was no difficulty filming that. It didn't take more than one rush hour and one afternoon to confirm what pregnant women all over the place told me — that they don't get offered a place on the subway."

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Actor William Shatner is the film's wry narrator.

Using a host of experts and William Shatner's wry narration, Curtin's film offers the thesis that we've become more isolated, often by choice. Sprawling suburbs, long commutes, and the effects of technology — e-mail, cell phones, iPods and an embarrassment of home entertainment options — have eroded the bonds that proximity, family and simple lack of choice once held in place. "How can you be attentive to other people if you're constantly being distracted?" Curtin plaintively asks.

"How can you be attentive to other people if you're constantly being distracted?"
Director John Curtin

His film proposes that the decline really took on speed in the '60s, when personal fulfillment became a priority for a whole generation, and the culture of manners and respect taught by their parents was dismissed as mere conformity. Shame also became another bad word, but it's becoming clear that, in the long run, the baby of civility seems to have been thrown out with the bathwater.

"There's certainly a good reason to conform to certain notions, but the fact is that we associate conformity with such a negative thing. If you lived in an Asian society conformity wouldn't have such negative overtones, but in the west we're all such free individuals who are in the process of self-realization. We've put a lot of emphasis on that aspect of our culture, especially if we grew up in the '60s and '70s, and we've forgotten about the collectivity.

That word seems a little old-fashioned, but maybe it's worth taking another look at again."

Curtin offers an antidote to all the social bleakness with Join Me, a movement that began in Britain, which encourages people to commit random acts of kindness, and engage in marches where they offer hugs to passers-by in busy city centres. It's sweet, but a bit cloying, and I admit to Curtin that, were a massed phalanx of huggers to descend on me, I'd run as fast as my legs could carry me.

"It was just too depressing to just chronicle all the rude aspect of modern life without showing a counter-current," Curtin says. "Danny Wallace, the guy who started it, moved from Bristol, a medium-sized city, to London, a very large city, and he felt it to be a very cold place where people didn't say hello to each other, so on a lark he started this movement. I agree — hugging isn't going to change the world, but it's nice to see that someone out there is doing something outgoing and warm."

FRIDAY 9/19/08

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	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men (CC)		NUMB3RS "Atomic No. 33"		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Got Talent	TMZ (N) (CC)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		To Be Announced		News (CC)
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	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) The Bourne Supremacy		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:15) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (2004)				I Am Sam
	603	561	55 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner	Glutton	Iron Chef America (CC)		Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) The Ex ★ (2006) (CC)		The Bourne Ultimatum ★★★ (2007) Matt Damon. Premiere.				The Good Shepherd ★★ (2006) Matt Damon.		
	581	566	101 MTV	The Hills	The Hills	After	Cribs (CC)	Making the Band 4 (CC)		The Hills	The Hills	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 9/20/08

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		The Brothers Grimm ★★ (2005, Fantasy) Matt Damon. (CC)				News (CC)	Being Julia ★★★ (2004)	
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Soup (N)	Fashion	New Kids	New Kids on the Block: The E!		True Hollywood Story (N)		E News
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE-Manners		Plain Truth (2004, Drama) Mariska Hargitay, Alison Pill. (CC)				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Disasters of the Century		Painkiller Jane "Pilot" (CC)		Tanker Time Bomb (CC)		Ultimate-Engineering		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		To Be Announced		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Role	Kaya (CC)	Inertia ★★ (2001) Jonas Chernick, Sarah Constible.				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "American Dreamers"		King	King	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	CSI: NY "Grand Master"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		The Unit "Inside Out" (CC)		NCIS "Designated Target"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Chuck (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	College Football Georgia at Arizona State.			Jeopardy!	Gubernatorial Debate "WA"		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Scrubs (CC)	MADtv (N)
news	502	390	23 NW	Geologic Journey (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Behind Ballot	Geologic Journey (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	63 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	(6:30) CFL Football BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (Live) (CC)					SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing		SportsCentre
family	552	543	28 YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto (CC)	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Beavis and Butt-head Do America ★★ (CC)		
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Specials		Heartbeat "One Small Step"		Midsomer Murders "The Maid in Splendour" (CC)				Canterbury
	575	583	20 CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Grand Ole Opry Live		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	CMT, Awards
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos
	521	560	34 TLC	Trading Spaces (N)		Flip House	Designed	Property Ladder (CC)		Trading Spaces		Making Home
	616	522	33 SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	A Daughter's Conviction (2006) Brooke Nevin, Kate Jackson.				Collateral ★★★ (2004) Tom Cruise.		
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:30) Die Hard ★★★ (1988, Action) (PA) Bruce Willis. (CC)				The Last Castle ★★ (2001) (PA) Robert Redford, James Gandolfini. (CC)				
	603	561	55 FN	Top Chef "Puerto Rico"		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America (CC)		Top Chef "Puerto Rico"		Secret Life of
	320	621	30 CEN	Borat: Cultural Learnings		Rendition ★★ (2007) Jake Gyllenhaal. Premiere. (CC)				Zodiac ★★★ (2007) Jake Gyllenhaal. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Presents	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle (CC)		MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 9/21/08

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "Coming Together"		The Englishman's Boy (2008) (Part 1 of 2) Michael Therriault.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Red Carpet Special		True Hollywood Story (CC)		Worst Red Carpet Moments		Final 24 "Jim Morrison"		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Without a Trace "Closure"		The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming. (CC)						News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (PA) (CC)		Heroes (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	America's Next Top Model		Gossip Girl "The Ex-Files" (N)		Cold Case (CC)		Mad Men "Six Month Leave"		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Privileged (CC)		Jimmy Kimmel's Big Night		Survivorman (CC)		Role
	-	-	14 CW	One Tree Hill (CC)		Privileged (CC)		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		Criminal Minds "True Night"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Cowboys at Packers			M. Holmgren	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Jimmy Kimmel's Big Night		The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming. (CC)						KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	American Dad	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy (PA) (CC)		News (N)	Q It Up Sports	Law/Ord SVU
news	502	390	23 NW	The Assassination of Bobby Kennedy (CC)		Our World		CBC News: Sunday Night		The Assassination of Bobby Kennedy (CC)		
	500	500	63 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Jays
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Cowboys at Packers			SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Motoring 2008	NASCAR Now (N) (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	28 YTV	(6:00) The Bad News Bears ★★★ (1976)			Prank Patrol	The Next Star "The Buzz"		Falcon Beach "After the Fall"		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Fraggle Rock	The Raccoons	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Team America: World Police ★★★ (2004)		
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Specials		Rosemary and Thyme (CC)		New Tricks "Curse of Beauty"		Canterbury Tales (CC)		World Accrdg
	575	583	20 CMT	Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie ★★ (2003) Bill Engvall				Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Jason McCoy's Smashtown		Blue Collar
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Cleaner (CC)		CSI: Miami "Extreme" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Chain Reaction"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Joined for Life: Abby-Brittany		The 750-Pound Man (CC)		I Eat 33,000 Calories a Day		Joined for Life: Abby-Brittany		Exploded
	616	522	33 SHO	The Guard (CC)		My Name Is Sarah (2007) Jennifer Beals, Nolan Funk. (CC)				Weeds (CC)	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
	294	650	47 TBS	Four Brothers ★★ (2005) (PA) Mark Wahlberg. (CC)				A Few Good Men ★★★ (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. (CC)				
	603	561	55 FN	Jamie	Nigella	Road Grill	Grill	Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie	Grill	Boy Grill
	320	621	30 CEN	Night-Museum	Entourage (N)	True Blood "Mine" (N) (CC)		300 ★★★ (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. (CC)				Last King
	581	566	101 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle

Entertainment in brief

TV SERIES Denise Richards has confirmed her reality TV show It's Complicated has been re-commissioned for a second series, imdb.com reports. The actress quashed earlier rumours the show is to be cancelled by U.S network E! "It's coming back for another season. We start filming in a few months," she said.

RUMOUR Michelle Rodriguez has fuelled rumours she is returning to the cast of hit TV show lost, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Rodriguez's character, cop Ana Lucia Cortez, was killed off in the second season of the ABC show. But Internet gossips claim she is set to return in flashback scenes.

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Carter cashes in on Dirty Sexy Money
Former Shark attorney Sarah Carter is headed to Dirty Sexy Money for a two-episode arc. She's playing a mystery woman who crosses paths with Darling matriarch Tish (Jill Clayburgh). EW.COM

Television

Viewers tune into quality

IntelleVision

EYES ON THE PRIZE: Things are looking up on the quality cable front, and ratings have improved on one highly publicized new show and another critic's darling, probably because everything we've seen so far from the major networks so far has been a big letdown. If this trend continues for the next month or two we could see the collapse of the old network's claim on TV audiences collapse even faster than we thought. But maybe that's just me being the optimist, as usual.

HBO's True Blood, the bayou vampire show from Six Feet Under creator Alan Ball that debuted to unimpressive numbers earlier this month, picked up an impressive 24 per cent rise in viewers with its second episode, which might have something to do with TiVo'd episodes and downloads having an effect that Nielsen can't measure. This seems to have been good enough for HBO, who gave the Ball and his show a vote of confidence in the form of a second season renewal, according to Hal Boedeker of the Miami Sentinel.

Last Sunday's Mad Men also picked up, with almost two million viewers — its best numbers so far for the second season, so let's hope that this momentum won't end up being scuttled by AMC's decision to rerun the Three Sundays episode this Sunday, a curious move that's apparently meant to drive Mad Men fans to the Emmy Awards broadcast, where the show is expected to add to the four Creative Emmys it won last weekend.

"(Mad Men) is pulling strong odds to be the first non-HBO cable program to win the best drama award."

Its main competition is HBO's historical miniseries John Adams, but the AMC show is pulling strong odds to be the first non-HBO cable program to win the best drama award, at least according to a Reuters story this week. Mad Men is nominated in six categories, to be announced during a show jointly emceed by all of the hosts of the nominees for best reality show, including Jeff Probst, Ryan Seacrest and Heidi Klum.

The executive brain trust at AMC seem to be making the assumption that their viewing habits match those of Mad Men viewers — a telling but probably ridiculous leap of logic that says chapters about the curious mindset of the entertainment industry. It's especially galling since the next episode of Mad Men is titled Six Month Leave, an obvious reference to the sabbatical Elizabeth Moss' Peggy had to take from her new job at Sterling Cooper after giving birth and having a mental breakdown.

AMC is obviously treating this little interregnum as a mini version of those mid-season breaks that shows like Battlestar Galactica and Lost have taken — breaks that have never done favours for the shows in question, and which seems terribly ill-advised for a show just starting to pick up the sorts of numbers that have never really matched up with its deliriously positive reviews. Hell, I write about this stuff for a living and I've never willingly sat through an Emmys broadcast, unless my wife was lying and I really wasn't running naked through the High Park deer pens during my blackouts.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Dee hits the road
Comedian Gerry Dee, who is known for his third-place finish on the NBC show Last Comic Standing, is about to start a coast-to-coast comedy tour that will stop in 20 Canadian cities. It starts Oct. 2 in Ottawa and runs until the end of the year.

2 The Simpsons
The Simpsons claimed television's highest honour for a prime-time cartoon at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards recently, extending the show's record-winning streak. It marked the 10th time that The Simpsons, which has aired for 19 seasons, was named best half-hour animated show.

3 Sex and the City
Sex and the City, the movie will be available on DVD Tuesday. The movie adaptation of the HBO comedy series of the same name is already a top seller on Amazon.ca.

4 Curbing tobacco marketing
Cancer Research U.K. is trying to protect children from the health dangers of tobacco. The charity is calling on the government to close loopholes by banning the sale of cigarettes in vending machines, stopping the display of tobacco in shops at the point of sale, and packaging tobacco products in plain packaging.

5 Pushing Daisies: The Complete First Season
Season 1 of the quirky show comes in a three-disc DVD set that includes an interactive featurette with pie slices as your entré and members of the cast and creative team serving up secrets from the series.

6 Funky tights
This winter, legs warm up to tights splashed out in bright colours, such as electric blue, and patterns, like lace, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Wear them with a chic and simple outfit to pull off the look.

7 Obama film on hold
Actor Edward Norton has agreed to stop talking about his upcoming Barack Obama documentary for fear of tainting the upcoming U.S. presidential elections. The film, an historical record, is slated for release in November.

Critics eye 30 Rock, Mad Men for Emmys

Here, TV Guide senior TV critic Matt Roush and USA Today TV critic Robert Bianco share their picks for winners at the Emmy Awards on Sunday.

DRAMA SERIES

Matt Roush: "(AMC's) Mad Men is an evocative instant classic that has the look and feel of a winner."

Robert Bianco: (ABC's) Lost, because it had an incredible creative resurgence this season. But Mad Men is so fresh and has so much buzz I think voters will go with that show."

COMEDY SERIES

Roush: I pick (NBC's) 30 Rock. The nominated HBO comedies weren't at their best — and where's (ABC's) Pushing Daisies? — so in a battle of NBC comedies, this inspired farce should trump The Office."

Bianco: "30 Rock had an inconsistent year, but you only have to submit a handful of episodes. It's a pretty clear choice — though you never want to count out the HBO shows."

LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

Roush: "It's a tossup, but Jon Hamm's (Mad Men) towering breakthrough as the haunted adman makes him the insta-star favourite."

Bianco: "If Hugh Laurie (Fox's House) submits his season finale, which was such a great piece of writing and featured tremendous work from him — this is his year."

LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

Roush: "Nobody can touch Damages' steely, monstrous Cruella de Lawyer in Glenn Close."

Bianco: "In the end, Close will get it. She managed to go over the top while staying in control."

LEAD ACTOR IN A COMEDY SERIES

Roush: "Alec Baldwin (30 Rock) will finally get his due for the twisted brilliance of this career-redefining performance."

Bianco: "If there is one moment from the entire season that people remember, it's Alec Baldwin's therapy session, which is a clip that will live on for generations."

LEAD ACTRESS IN A COMEDY SERIES

Roush: "Julia Louis-Dreyfus (CBS' The New Adventures of Old Christine) is the right choice."

Bianco: "I'm hoping it's Christina Applegate, because she was able to single-handedly turn (Samantha Who?) into a decent hit in this environment."

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Urban Foodie

Coming soon: Winemaker's dinner near you

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Forget dinner and a movie. No talking for half the night, and you spend almost as much on popcorn and tickets these days as you do on the meal. Instead, throw in a few extra dollars and sign up for a winemaker's dinner at a top restaurant.

At anywhere from $100 to $150+ per person, this may seem like a hefty swing at your wallet, but there's some serious bang (and bubbly and beer-cured bacon) for your buck, a chance for some intimate and heady wine-inspired conversations, and entertainment courtesy of a chef and/or vintner eager to serenade your supper.

A recent event at Gastropod featuring Laughing Stock Vineyards (see below) and Oyama Sausage Company was a good example. $125 per person covered six courses with six wine pairings, a glass of champagne to start, and entertaining (and educational) tidbits from Gastropod Chef Angus An, Laughing Stock owners/growers David and Cynthia Enns, and Oyama owner John van der Leick. We ate, drank and laughed our way through courses like duck prosciutto with rosebud purée, a young ham schnitzel with toasted spätzle (tiny egg-noodle dumplings), organic lamb, smoked beef tongue, and salami potato pizza crisps with tomato foam. Dessert was my favourite, a hearty fresh cherry pudding with a molasses and beer-cured bacon ice milk. Yup, that's right folks, bacon ice cream. Trust me on this one.

Most restaurants host at least one or two winery/specialty dinners each year, some offer four or more. Some notable choices are CRU, Zin, Fuel, Cobre, Coast, Quattro, Chow and Figmint. Or you could just call your favourite restaurant and ask who's coming to dinner.

On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment.*
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie.*

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Dining out

PRIX FIXE
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SCOTTY HARD
On Oct. 9 at 7 p.m., the Scotty Hard Supper Club will present the Hard Art Supper at the home of Jane Irwin and Ross Hill, featuring Chef Angus An of Gastropod and wine expert Barbara Mills of That's Life Gourmet. $150 per person. Visit scottyhardsuppers.com for more information.

In brief

ANOTHER CHEF shown the door ... Chef Brian Fowke of Metro and Rare resigned from his restaurants after creative differences with the controlling shareholders, Burrard Holding Company.

IT'S CONFIRMED ... Famed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten will open Market Restaurant at the new Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver in January. This is his first restaurant in Canada.

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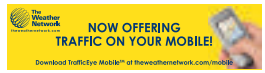

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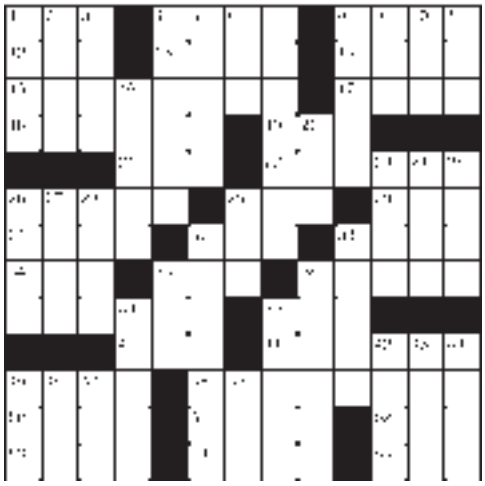

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53 Sound of contentment
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55 Kreskin's claim

Crossword down

1 Mafia bigwig
2 Auth. unknown
3 Info measure
4 Slender and sleek
5 Yuletide plant
6 Lubricate
7 Eventful journey
8 Shoddy merchandise
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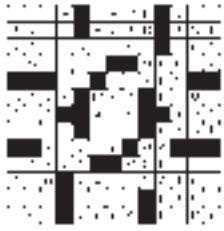

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Because the flavour of chicken is mild, it benefits from a tasty baste when barbecued.

INGREDIENTS:
8 chicken drumsticks or thighs, about 670 g, skinned
Lime wedges to garnish

JAMAICAN BARBECUE BASTE:
4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 onion, very finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 red chili, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Grated rind and juice of 1 lime

METHOD:
1. To make the baste, heat the oil in a small frying pan over medium-low heat. Add the onion, garlic and chili and cook, stirring frequently, for about 10 minutes or until the onion is softened and starting to brown. Transfer to a large shallow bowl. Add the spices and the lime rind and juice, and stir well to mix.
2. Make a few shallow slits in each piece of chicken, then add to the bowl. Turn the pieces to coat thoroughly with the baste, rubbing it into the slits in the meat. Cover and leave to marinate at room temperature for 1 hour or in the refrigerator for up to 24 hours.
3. Preheat barbecue to medium heat. Remove the chicken pieces from the marinating baste and barbecue them for 20–25 minutes, turning and brushing frequently with the baste, until cooked all the way through.
4. Serve the chicken hot, garnished with the lime wedges.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A plan is more trouble than it is worth. An event will be beyond belief. Somebody who does things improperly dodges punishment.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone who admires you will raise a fuss. Take it easy when emotions run high. Be observant when dealing with life's precious moments.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An old favorite is having a passionate affair. Be detached about money problems. Avoid tempting anyone else to take a risk.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A present touches a selfish person's heart. A bitter man wins a trivial argument. Witless remarks are made about fear.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Foul language creates an uncongenial atmosphere. A lenient person happily agrees to be passive. Say something about ego damage to a fool.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A woman shows signs of growing older. A troublemaker will offer you an excuse. A party leads to a snub by a friend.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't dwell on making a choice. A free thinker resists going back to old-fashioned ideals. A disgruntled worker gives somebody a hard time.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A tough guy wants to make you bide your time. A solution is found after a pep talk. Denial is an issue for a grouch.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A woman will be shaky due to spitefulness. Be ready with explanations in an awkward moment. Don't learn a lesson the hard way.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
The need for security arises in a contest. An impractical person minimizes a dilemma. Bad decisions will disturb a snoozer.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A blubbering man risks alienation. Going off in the wrong direction creates hilarity. Good relations are influenced by your leadership.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
An eccentric wants to work up a sweat. A man will rub you the wrong way. Sign a petition for a friend.

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Jane sentenced
Actor Thomas Jane, left, has pleaded no contest to drunk driving after he was caught driving 120 mph in California. Jane was sentenced to a year of probation, $1,700 US in fines and must take alcohol abuse classes. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Swank OK after hospitalization

HEALTH Hilary Swank is recuperating after undergoing a minor medical procedure at the hospital, People.com reports.

The Oscar-winning actress, 34, was "experiencing some discomfort and went to see her doctor, who prescribed an immediate course of action that included a brief hospitalization to remove a small, benign growth," manager Jason Weinberg says.

"Her condition has been resolved and there are no continuing health issues, with the exception of some short-term rest and recuperation," he says. No other details were provided.

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Coleman charged in bowling alley scuffle

CELEBRITY JUSTICE Gary Coleman was formally charged Wednesday with reckless driving and disorderly conduct following an altercation at a bowling alley in Utah, People.com reports.

"Mr. Coleman was notified today of the charges through his attorney," said Lt. Bill Wright of the Payson, Utah, Police Department. "(Coleman) never spoke to us about what happened, but we gathered evidence after speaking to witnesses and the other party involved."

Both charges are misdemeanors.

Coleman, 40, was backing out of a bowling alley around midnight on Sept. 6 when his truck hit Colt Rushton, 24, as well as another car. Rushton was taken to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Witnesses said Coleman became irritated after Rushton photographed him. The two argued in the bowling alley and then moved outside, Lt. Wright said.

Rushton has since filed a lawsuit against Coleman, seeking damages for medical bills, pain and suffering, and punitive damages.

A rep for Coleman wasn't immediately available for comment.

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Biel spins her wheels

GEOGRAPHICAL ERRORS Actress Jessica Biel was left red-faced after mistaking a ferris wheel for a famous London landmark, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star was filming new movie Easy Virtue in the British capital when she thought she had spotted the iconic London Eye.

"We were staying in a hotel waiting for a writer and I suggested we go for a walk in the park," the movie's director Stephan Elliot says.

"There in Hyde Park was this little ferris wheel that they just put up for a little funfair but Jessica goes: 'Oh it's the London Eye. I thought it would be a bit bigger.'

"She had no f—ing idea whatsoever."

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Retirement for Naomi?

PEOPLE Naomi Campbell is considering retiring, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel has always felt reluctant to give up her career because there are so few black women in the industry, but has thought about quitting more since designers at New York Fashion Week used beauties of all races to showcase their creations.

"This time the designers and editors have stepped it up. I feel positive. That means I can go soon," she said. "My gut instinct is to get women of colour out there whether I'm still in fashion or not. I'll be very happy when I'm 55 years old to pick up a magazine and see a lovely spread with a black woman.

Then I'll know I didn't work for all these years only to see it go backwards."

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Paris finds balance in dream world

PEOPLE Paris Hilton wants to clear up one misconception about her that's not so hot, usmagazine.com reports.

"The one that 'she doesn't work,'" she said. "I am literally running a huge corporation. I have my clothing lines, I am doing movies. I am doing my record right now, producing and starting in a TV show." To get through her day, she says the first thing she does in the morning is "think about what I dreamed. I write down my dreams. I feel it is your subconscious talking to you."

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celebrity briefs

Pitt steps up for gay rights

PEOPLE Brad Pitt donated $100,000 US to fight California's Proposition 8, a ballot initiative that would take away same-sex couples' right to marry, usmagazine.com reports.

"Discrimination has no place in America," the actor said in a statement.

Paltrow thanks Madonna

PEOPLE Gwyneth Paltrow has credited Madonna with helping her to kick the baby blues following the birth of son Moses, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "She really helped me out of my post-natal depression," Paltrow says. "She really sort of reorganized my molecules in that situation."

Pompeo has baby on brain

PEOPLE Ellen Pompeo has babies on the brain, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's a huge lifestyle change, and I take that very seriously," she tells the October issue of Allure. "We enjoy our life so much ... So when I have the baby, I won't feel like we've missed any fun."

Pompeo, 38, wed record producer Chris Ivery last November.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Paris Hilton keeps a dream journal? So I guess she can read and write.

Since everything Paris does in private eventually gets copied, mass produced and distributed, I thought I'd jump the gun by printing some excerpts in this space:

"I was standing in the middle of Rodeo Drive at noon, totally naked. It was just like my sex tape, except it wasn't dark and it hadn't been planned by my publicist. So embarrassing.

"My subconscious is reminding me that there are lots of great clothing stores on Rodeo Drive. I was in Paris, the city (omg! so weird) with **Jessica Biel**, and she pointed to the Eiffel Tower and said, 'That sure is a big oil well!' Then a mime pretended to take my picture. My subconscious is trying to tell me that my skin is getting oily.

"I was in a Taco Bell with lots of poor people when someone handed me my pet chihuahua Tinkerbell, all cooked in a burrito. Tinkerbell said, 'Et tu, Paris,' but I don't speak Spanish. My subconscious is telling me that Tinkerbell is hot and she should have a doggy TV show."

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Celebrity Buzz

J-Lo juggles work, motherhood

PARENTING Jennifer Lopez is famous for her multitasking career as a singer, actress, designer and dancer. But motherhood has taken her juggling act to a whole new level, People.com reports. Until recently, Lopez and husband Marc Anthony, who welcomed twins Max and Emme in February, didn't have a nanny to help out with child care.

"I did it for a long time but we started using a nanny a few weeks ago," says Lopez, 39. "(Most days) I get up early with them. Then when the nanny comes, I can take a shower and give them their breakfast. She's there to help me get things done."

As for getting back to work, Lopez says she'll take it a day at a time.

"It's gonna be a learning experience. How will I do both? I try to take breaks from work," she says. "I'll do a little work with the choreographers and then come back. I try to spend every free moment with the babies."

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Conrad donates profits to anti-violence campaign

CHARITY Amid filming the fourth season of The Hills, Lauren Conrad can still find time for a cause close to her heart — fighting violence, People.com reports. Part of the profits from mark, the beauty and accessories line she promotes for Avon, will be donated to groups involved in stemming dating violence, Conrad writes on her MySpace celebrity blog.

"I have partnered with mark in its first initiative, aimed at ending the cycle of dating abuse and violence. Women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest rates of partner violence, and mark and I want to change that statistic," writes Conrad.

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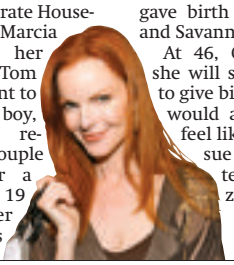
Cross hopes to adopt baby

PEOPLE Desperate Housewives star Marcia Cross and her husband Tom Mahoney want to adopt a baby boy, imdb.com reports. The couple is keen for a third child, 19 months after the actress gave birth to twins Eden and Savannah.



At 46, Cross concedes she will soon be too old to give birth naturally. "I would always adopt. I feel like time is the issue for me," she tells OK! Magazine.

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Bilson doesn't want attention

COUPLES Rachel Bilson has warned fans she won't be planning a big star-studded wedding when it's time to settle down with boyfriend Hayden Christensen because the pair want to elope, imdb.com reports.

The actress hates the idea of spending her wedding day in the spotlight, and wants to celebrate with as few people as possible. Bilson, who has dated Canuck Christensen since 2007, says, "I want a very small wedding. I don't like attention like that. I'd want to elope."

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Hathaway ready to move on after ex's guilty plea

RELATIONSHIPS After her breakup with boyfriend Raffaello Follieri, Anne Hathaway is moving on with a fresh perspective and a positive attitude, People.com reports.

"Everything that has happened to me, good and bad, I feel has happened for a reason," Hathaway said.

"I've been made stronger from the good stuff and much, much stronger from the bad stuff."

The actress endured her share of "bad stuff" this summer when her longtime boyfriend, Follieri, was arrested in June on fraud and money laundering charges. He plead guilty to the charges last week.

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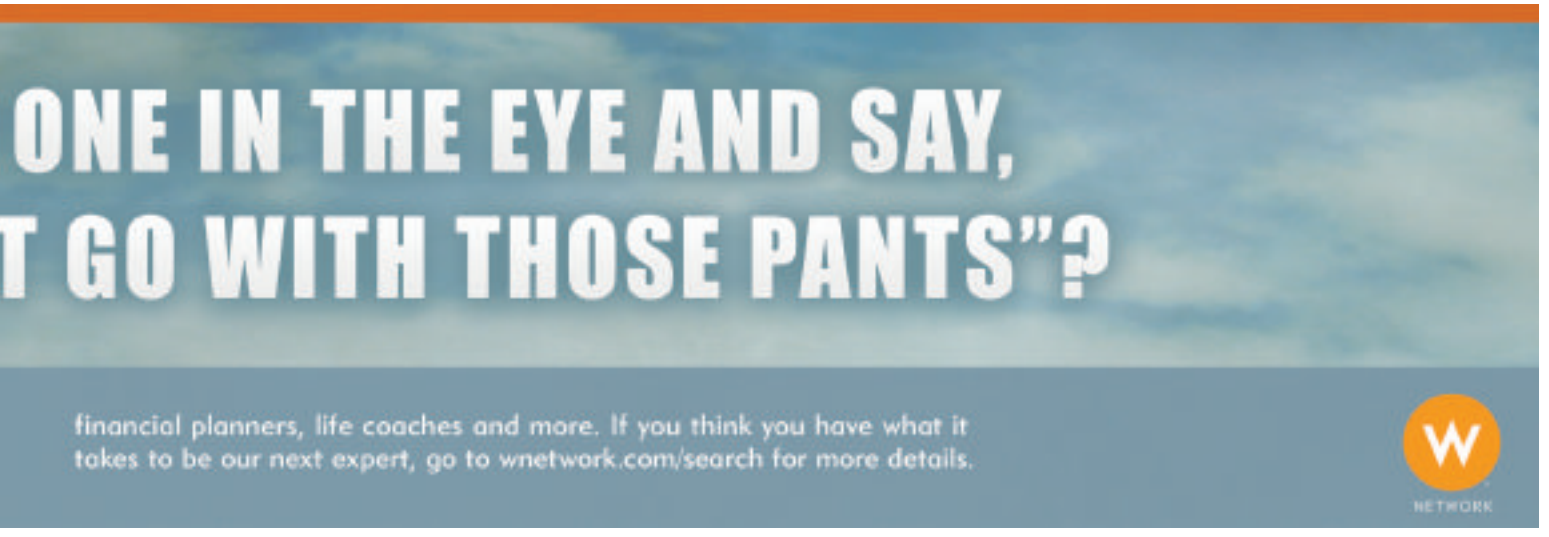
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